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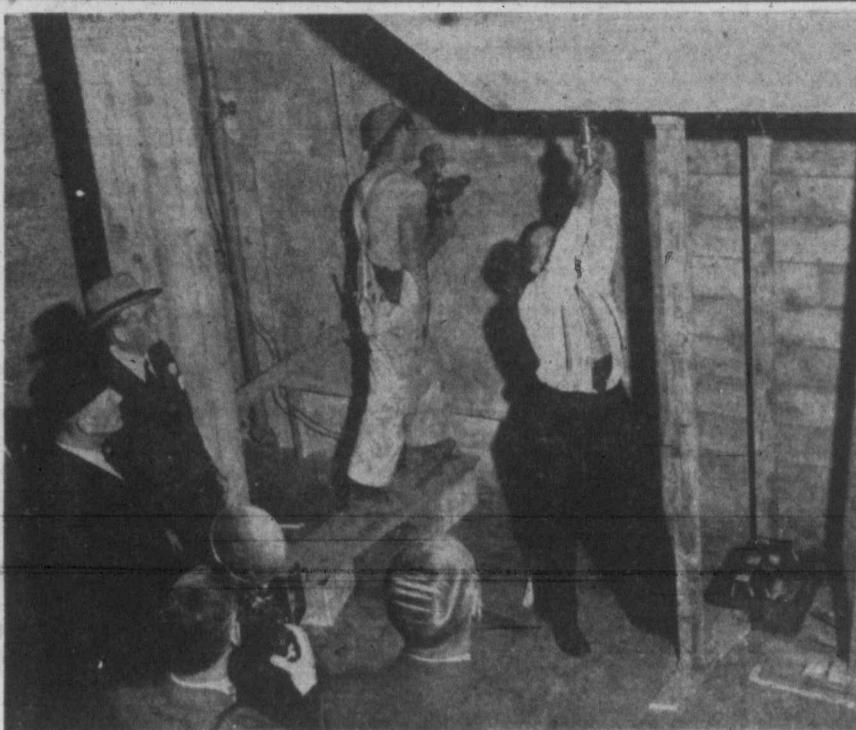
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Weather Forecast

Clear today and Wednesday; light winds, little change in temperature. Low tonight, 47; high Wednesday, 70

PRICE FIVE CENTS



Methods To Fix Arena Ceiling Tested

Members of City Council, headed by Acting Mayor Ed Williams, saw demonstrations today of two methods suggested for fixing fibrorock sheets to the ceiling of the Memorial Arena. Most of them favored use of a powder-charged stud gun shown in action at the right. At the left a workman is drilling holes into the concrete for lead expansion-type bolts. This was considered too slow.

Rink Work Delayed As Floor Problem Arises

There was another set-back to day in completing construction of Victoria's \$1,000,000 arena when pouring of the concrete floor was delayed at the last minute because ice pipes were not laid.

It could not be determined who was responsible for the difficulties or when work on the floor will be started.

Walter Luney of Luney Brothers and Hamilton, contract-

ing company which holds the contract to finish the job under the supervision of Charles T. Hamilton, Vancouver consulting engineer employed by the city, told the Victoria Times:

"I expect to be paid for this delay. I am not in this business to entertain a bunch of people."

He made the statement during a demonstration for aldermen of methods suggested for fixing fibrorock sheets coming loose from the rink's ceiling.

Engineer Checks Levels

The engineer was present at the demonstration after which he personally started checking levels of the refrigeration pipes.

It was expected the City Council's arena committee will make a recommendation later in the day regarding the ceiling answers and it might have the answer also for the floor problem.

The contractors said they had been given the signal to start pouring concrete at 10 this morning and had gone to a great deal of preparation for the job.

But 30 minutes beforehand the consulting engineer told them the pipes were not right and not to start work.

"So I told crews we brought from New Westminster specially for the job to go sightseeing," Mr. Luney said.

Getting 'Fed Up' With Job

W. J. Hamilton, partner of Mr. Luney, was angry over the delay. He said he was getting "fed up" with the job.

See Page 15 for story on ceiling sheet tests.

New Treatment

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—A new aid "distinctly promising" tablet treatment for peptic (stomach) ulcers was reported today to the American Medical Association.

"Then when he got here today himself, he found things were not the way he wanted them."

British Labor Party Urged To Call Election This Fall

BLACKPOOL, Eng. (CP)—Prime Minister, jumping to his feet and declared:

"This conference is not the place where we should discuss the date of the general election."

"That important matter will be decided by the Prime Minister after consultation with his colleagues in the party."

Lord Strabolgi's proposal came at the second day of the party's annual conference which is working out the strategy for the next election.

He plainly took his colleagues off guard. They have been talking—publicly at least—of an election early next year, just before the full five-year term of the Attlee government expires.

Herbert Morrison, Deputy

Boats, Powerlines Damaged As Wind Sweeps Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP)—Powerlines and boats suffered damage Monday night as gale-force winds lashed the city. The storm gusts reached 50 miles an hour.

Power company "trouble shooters" worked all night repairing lines blown down by the raging wind. The fishboat Empel was swept on a sandbar on the north shore while coming under the Lions Gate Bridge.

She was pounded for an hour before she was towed off by city police boat.

Lila Leeds Faces Another Charge

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Lila Leeds, the trim young blonde of the Robert Mitchum marijuana case, met up with an old friend again—trouble.

The 21-year-old actress is in the Beverly Hills jail today charged with being drunk in an auto.

Police Sgt. M. R. Sims said Lila and the two girl companions created a disturbance in a cafe Monday night and then fled when police were called.

She recently had her driver's license suspended for cracking up two expensive convertibles shortly after her release from serving a marijuana jail sentence.

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Mainland blazes included five small fires on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. They have all been extinguished or controlled.

Passers-by caught in the melee were knocked down as mounted police rode onto the sidewalks. Many longshoremen were felled and several policemen were struck by fists and sticks.

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One Woman's Day

By NANCY HODGES

CHILDREN'S HERITAGE

WALKING ALONG Dallas Road a day or so ago, I was amused to see two small boys, evidently playing "hooky" from school in order to go fishing. They were seated by the side of the road, comparing cans in which was a wriggling mass of worms.

And as I watched them, unobserved, they were arguing as to the merits of the breakwater and some other spot as the most likely to produce results, with their home-made rods and tempting worms.

One of the couple, to prove his argument that the breakwater was the best bet, extended his arms to their fullest extent and exclaimed, "My dad's got 'em that big, hundreds of 'em." At which I went on my way rejoicing—convinced that here was a true Izaak Walton in miniature.

OUTSIDE BECKONS

AS I SNEAKISHLY condoned those little lads' truancy from school, I thought of all the other youngsters who are finding it harder than ever to concentrate on school tasks in these lovely days when the great outdoors beckons to them.

And I couldn't altogether blame those two urchins who had found the call to fish too strong for them. For children have been ever thus, as William Blake admitted when, 200 years ago, he wrote:

"But to go to school in a summer morn,
Oh, it drives all joy away!
Under a cruel eye outworn,
The little ones spend the day
In sighing and dismay."

LOVELY SEASON

IN THIS PART of the world, the temptation to youngsters to play "hooky" must be almost irresistible. Here, right at their front door, they have beaches to play on, water to swim in, creeks and lakes to fish in, woods to explore on every hand. Nature has placed those perfect playgrounds in a setting unequalled for beauty anywhere, as I again discovered when I went out to Sidney one balmy evening last week.

Great masses of golden bloom dripped from the broom bushes which line the road in places. At Elk Lake, the fields that were once intended for a golf course have been taken over by marguerites which carpet them in white and gold. Farther on, a field of columbines, grown for seed purposes, provided another carpet of the most delicate colors to delight the eye.

PERFECT PANORAMA

EVERY TIME I LIFTED my eyes to the more distant vistas, I caught sight of white-topped mountain peaks, and lapis-lazuli waters glistening in the sun.

And I thought again what a part such surroundings must—even if unconsciously—play in any child's education. As someone—I have forgotten who—once expressed it:

"Every child should have mud-pies, grasshoppers, water-bugs, tadpoles, frogs, mud-turtles, elderberries, wild strawberries, acorns, chestnuts, trees to climb, brooks to wade in, water lilies, woodchucks; bats, bees, butterflies, animals to pet, hay fields, pine cones, rocks to roll, sand, snakes, huckleberries, and hornets; and any child who has been deprived of these has been deprived of the best part of his education."

THEIR HERITAGE

TOMORROW HAPPENS to be Children's Day in the United States, and when the announcement of it caught my eye, I recalled the last will and testament of an American named Charles Lounsbury, who died about a decade ago.

His name may not mean anything, even to many of his fellow-countrymen, but to me it brings back memories of his special bequest to children, which reads thus:

"I devise to children the banks of the brooks and the golden sands beneath the waters thereof, and the odors of the willows that dip therein, and the white clouds that float high over the giant trees. And I leave to them the long days to be merry in, in a thousand ways, and the night and the moon, and the train of the Milky Way to wonder at."

We in this beautiful province may consider ourselves blessed in that such a heritage is here at hand for the enrichment and enjoyment of every British Columbia youngster.

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Victoria Voters To Choose 3 Of These 9 Candidates



HON. W. T. STRAITH

MRS. NANCY HODGES

D. J. PROUDFOOT

Above are pictured the three Coalition standard bearers for the June 15 provincial election. Mrs. Hodges and Mr. Straith, Minister of Education, are seeking re-election, while Mr. Proudfoot is seeking election to the seat held by former Premier John Hart.



MISS PHYLLIS WEBB

The C.C.F. has offered the above all-feminine slate. Miss Webb is a 1949 U.B.C. graduate and Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Rayment are housewives.



MRS. EDITH BELL

A new group in provincial politics, the Union of Electors has named the three above candidates. The women are both listed as housewives and Mr. Clark is a hotel manager.

Taxes On Mines Only 6½% Of Dividends, Reports Neilson

Royalties and taxes on mining companies amount to only 6½ per cent of the amount these companies pay in dividends, Martin Neilson, C.C.F. candidate in Saanich, told an election meeting Monday night in Temperance Hall, Keating.

Mr. Neilson placed the value of royalties and taxes of mining companies at just over \$1,000,000 for one year. Yet the value of mineral products was well over \$70,000,000, he said.

He described the sums paid by the companies for use of the mineral resources as very little more than it costs to operate the mines department of the government.

The net returns are so low," he said, "that in order to provide the necessary services we are charged a 3 per cent tax. . . . Because the government refuses to charge full value for the use of the people's resources we must use part of our earnings to make up the difference."

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"They admit that the only method they are prepared to use is the sales tax," he said. "So the only way they can get additional funds is by increasing the tax to 4, 5 or 6 per cent. That is what you may expect if you re-elect the Coalition."

On the other hand, the C.C.F. would remove the tax on meals, clothing and household essentials, by getting more revenue from the natural resources of the province, he said.

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**Says Franciscans
Isolated In Palestine**

NEW YORK (CP)—A Franciscan father has charged the Israeli government with having carried out a policy hostile to the interests of the Roman Catholic Church in Palestine, the New York Times says today in a dispatch from Rome.

The dispatch says the charge by Rev. Alberto Gori, who has the official title of "Custodian of the Holy Land," is contained in a report released Monday.

It adds that Father Gori reported the freedom of movement of members of religious orders has been prevented by the Israeli government.

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As an example he mentioned the 3 per cent sales tax.

**Firemen Put Out
Blaze At Plant On
Industrial Reserve**

City fire officials today were investigating the cause of a fire which Monday night caused several thousands of dollars damage to a section of the old Sweeney Cooperage Ltd. plant, in the centre of the Industrial Reserve.

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Beard Would Limit Sales Tax To Purchases Of Dollar And Over

Cmdr. C. T. Beard, Coalition candidates, went on record Monday as still being against the imposition of the three per cent sales tax on all purchases under one dollar.

Cmdr. Beard, speaking at a political meeting at View Royal, said he still held the same opinion as he did when the sales tax was introduced in the Legislature. He had then asked that all purchases under one dollar be exempt from the sales tax.

"Other than that—I'm all for it," said the candidate. "We have gone so far with our social services that we now have to find money to pay for them."

He pointed out that by not exempting the sales tax on purchases under a dollar citizens on buying a series of small articles were actually paying between a six and seven per cent tax.

"I know it is said the tax is imposed on the manufacturers and producers," he said, "but we also know that if they are good businessmen they are going to make the purchaser pay for it. That is why I thought a dollar and under should be exempt from taxation."

She said the construction of new highways in British Columbia would do a lot towards opening up new markets for the province.

She said British Columbia was far ahead of Norway and Sweden in social services. "The people there don't get as high an old pension as we do here," she stated. "They probably have a better system of housing."

With regard to housing, Mrs. Rolston said the Dominion and provincial governments and the municipalities would have to get together and solve the problem.

Mr. Thomas warned that socialism would mean regimentation for the people of B.C. He urged return of the Coalition government to power.

"It is the only way we can preserve free enterprise," he said.

Cmdr. Beard said he felt more should be done to keep the roads in condition. "One often wonders why holes are not filled in," said the speaker. "There is no reason why an M.L.A. should have to carry a shovel in the back of his car to fill in the holes."

Cmdr. Beard assured the audience the Coalition M.L.A.'s were

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Jet Pilot Killed In Arizona Crash

HAMILTON FIELD, Calif. (AP)—A jet-plane pilot from the U.S. Air Force base at Williams, Ariz., was killed today in a spectacular crash four miles northeast of here.

The plane scraped the top of a low hill, about three miles from the take-off point and plowed through a 125-foot chicken house.

The chicken house exploded and burned, destroying some 2,000 chickens.

47 Missing, Feared Dead In Crash Off Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

A plane jammed with Puerto Rican men, women and children bound for the United States crashed in the Atlantic early today and 47 persons are missing and feared dead.

Two were plucked from the water.

The known survivors include both adults and children.

The plane, en route to Newark, N.J., via Miami, was operated by Stato Freight Inc., a charter service with headquarters at Bradley Field, Near Windsor Locks, Conn.

Capt. D. H. Dexter, in charge of the Coast Guard base at San Juan, said the plane was unable to return to the San Juan airport when the engine trouble developed, and it crash-landed 150 yards off Point Salinas. The point is four miles west of here, on the north coast of Puerto Rico.

Planes, Ships Quickly Called

All available United States Coast Guard, air force, army and navy planes and ships in the vicinity were called into the search for possible survivors, bodies and the exact location of the sunken plane, AC-46.

Large surface craft could not get in among the dangerous rocks and reefs that dot the sea.

One of the passengers, Juan Rivera Leon, 31, gave this account of the crash:

"The people were nervous, due to the great number aboard, even from the start. As soon as the plane crashed I started passing life jackets around. There were more than 60 available plus five life rafts. However, no rafts could be inflated in time so none was used. I passed around only 17 jackets."

He said many of the passengers were afraid to leave the plane and go into the water.

Report 26 Dead In Crash Of Brazilian Army Plane

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)

—Reports from Florianopolis said 26 persons were killed Monday when a Brazilian army transport plane crashed into a mountain soon after taking off.

The air ministry here said wreckage of the plane, a C-47, was located near Cambirelas Peak and rescue parties were rushed to the scene.

The plane was on normal transport service, carrying both army personnel and civilians between Rio de Janeiro and the state of Rio Grande do Sul.

Florianopolis, a coast city, is 480 miles southwest of Rio de Janeiro.

Alberni Taken To Safety Cove

PRINCE RUPERT (CP)—Twenty-seven seamen of the lighthouse tender Alberni are "safe and well" at Safety Cove following beaching of the tender on Clark Point, Calvert Island, after she had struck Canoe Rocks early Monday morning.

Reservists, Cadets Back From Cruise Aboard Training Ship



Victoria and Port Alberni sea cadets get together aboard H.M.C.S. Sault Ste. Marie to discuss their week-end voyage. Left to right: Able Cadet David McCandless, Able Cadet Lawrence Severinson and Ordinary Cadet George Adams, all of Port Alberni, and Able Cadet J. Damgaard, Able Cadet R. Wiens and Ldg. Cadet A. Speed, all of Victoria.—(R.C.N. Photo)

H.M.C.S. Sault Ste. Marie, headquarters and training ship to Victoria's naval division H.M.C.S. Malahat, returned to her Esquimalt base this morning following a long week-end cruise during which she called at the Bamfield cable station and Port Alberni.

Aboard the ship were naval reservists and sea cadets from R.C.S.C. Rainbow who were joined at Bamfield by sea cadets of the Alberni corps who voyaged down the Alberni Canal aboard

Mv. Uchuk II to rendezvous with the Victoria cadets.

During the stay in Bamfield, ship's company met officials of the station, including H. L. Denton, manager; A. Beck, assistant manager, and H. L. Baxendale, deputy engineer.

Sault Ste. Marie sailed from Bamfield for Port Alberni Sunday afternoon and reached the port early in the evening after taking the Port Alberni cadets out to sea for a short jaunt.

In the evening, ship's officers held a reception for civil officials and officials of the Navy League of Canada branch there.

During the cruise the sea cadets took an active part aboard ship, carrying on with regular seamen's duties, including lookout duty on the bridge.

Full opportunity was given the Victoria youngsters also to have additional instruction which was given by members of H.M.C.S. Malahat.

Great Parade Marks Winnipeg's 75th Anniversary

WINNIPEG (CP)—Winnipeg's 75-year history passed in review along a three and a half-mile route for one and a half hours Monday as a monster parade blew the top of the prairie metropolis' week of birthday celebrations.

A comparative youngster alongside other Canadian cities, Winnipeg nevertheless burst at the seams in civic pride in showing off its wares—past and present—to more than 20,000 visitors.

The parade, termed the biggest and best ever seen in this gateway to the prairies, had just about everything. There were ox carts, jet planes, floats, bands, clowns, Mounties and Indians.

Downtown curbs were lined for miles by spectators hours before the mammoth procession got rolling.

Scores of planes from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the United States dived through the skies overhead.

Senate Committee Urges Unanimous Pact Ratification

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today unanimously urged ratification of the North Atlantic Treaty, in a report declaring it would give the President new authority to use American troops without congressional consent.

The committee called on the Senate to ratify the anti-aggression treaty because, it said, "one great power" and its satellite states are jeopardizing world peace.

"That power and its fifth column in other countries," the committee said, "have sought to prevent the establishment of peace."

In view of that, the committee added, the pact is essential.

"The committee answered 'no' to questions which had been raised by various senators as to whether the pact would give a President any new powers to use American armed might without first asking Congress.

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Port Arthur	27	65	
Kenora	38	57	
Winnipeg	20	62	
Brampton	38	64	
The Pas	41	72	
Regina	49	72	
Saskatoon	37	73	
Prince Albert	37	71	
North Battleford	39	73	
Swift Current	54	81	
Medicine Hat	48	69	
Lethbridge	68	81	
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Joe Louis Named In Divorce Suit

CHICAGO (AP)—Joe Louis, former heavyweight boxing champion, today was named correspondent in a divorce suit filed by Rev. Matthew C. Faulkner against his wife, Mattle, 27, a New York model.

The suit charges desertion and adultery.

Faulkner, 33, is a former Atlanta, Ga., Baptist minister and army chaplain. He now resides in Chicago. The couple have two children, Matthew Jr.,

Big 4 Meet Seems Headed For Inconclusive Wind-Up

PARIS (UP)—The American, British and French Foreign Ministers met today to map further western strategy at the Big Four meeting on Germany, which appeared to be staggering toward an inconclusive wind-up.

The Western Ministers conferred at the French Foreign Office shortly before the afternoon meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers, the first non-secret meeting since last Thursday.

Neither of the proposals presented Monday was made public. But informed sources said the Soviet paper represented little change in Vishinsky's original four-power Kommandatura for Berlin, with veto voting rights.

French sources were more pessimistic than at any time since the council, opening May 23 over the chances of the four powers reaching any kind of an accord.

Acheson informed Washington that senate committee approval of the Atlantic Pact had strengthened the west here. His message said approval enabled him to refuse any compromise on basic principles.

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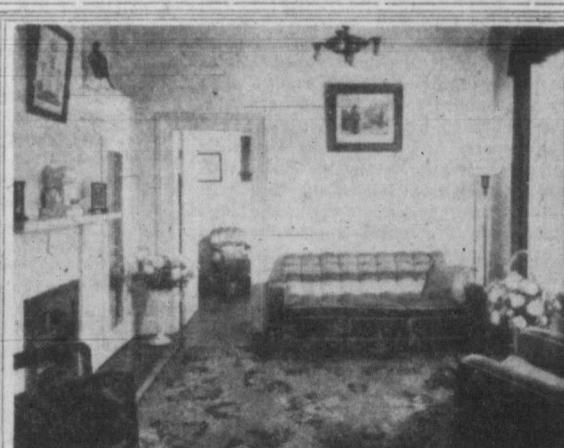
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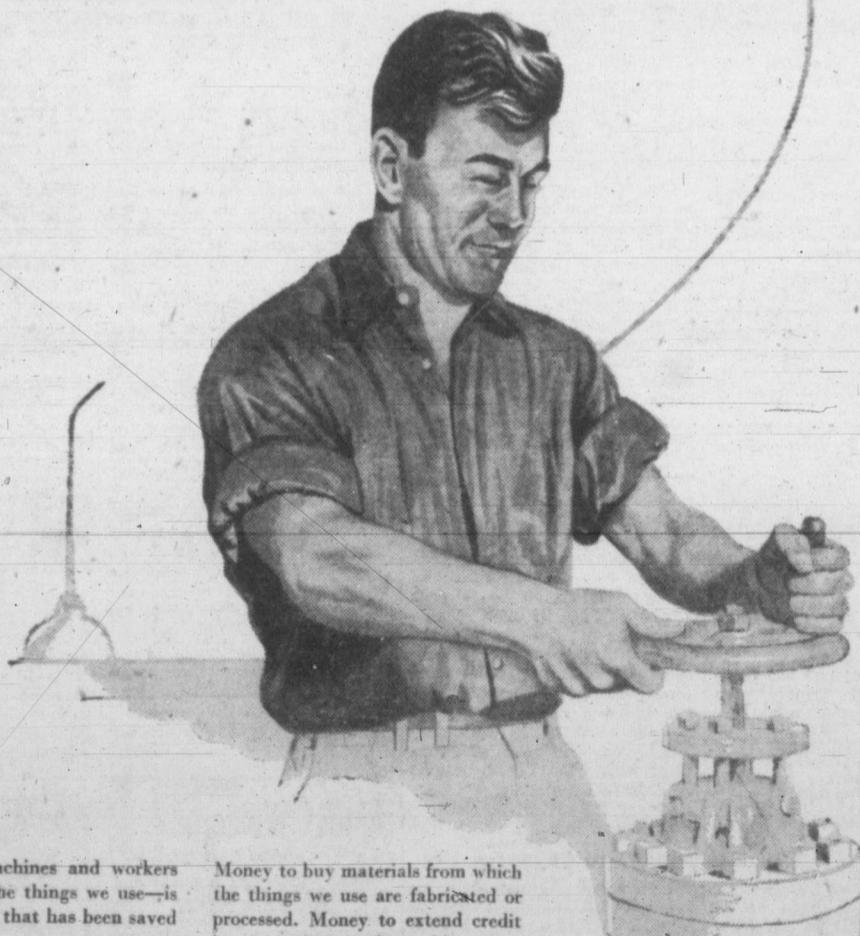
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MEETING EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

WHEN VICTORIA COLLEGE MOVED from Craigdarroch to share space with the Normal School at the latter's Mount Tolmie site, it was apparent that additions would be required to the building to meet the growing needs of the two institutions. For that reason the announcement yesterday by Hon. W. T. Strath, Minister of Education, of the acquisition of more property and plans for the construction of extra rooms comes as welcome news to students of Greater Victoria and their parents. The College and the Normal School are both enjoying distinction for the manner in which they prepare their young people for vocations and for higher citizenship. They deserve the consideration indicated in the provisions to be made for them.

The development reflects not only a sound appreciation by the minister and his colleagues of the requirements of a vastly increased local population but also recognition of the fact that more and more young men and women in this region are planning to pursue higher education at university level. This, of course, necessitates expansion of the physical facilities at Mount Tolmie.

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SHOWING PROGRESS

AMONG THE PERIODIC REPORTS which come regularly to Canadian editorial desks, those provided by the information service of the Government of India reveal a continuing story of progress in national undertakings. While it is necessary to keep the picture in focus, to remember that comparisons with many other countries show India to have many vast problems ahead of her before she may claim to have achieved a satisfactory standard of living for her people, it is apparent that much is being done—and done in a spirit of enthusiasm and determination.

We read, for instance, of such projects as the \$75,000,000 plan for construction of additional port facilities at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Cochin. There are reports, too, of studies being carried out under government sponsorship for great irrigation and hydro-electric developments; of progress being made in the provision of homes, schools and health establishments, and in a host of other fields. The need, of course, is still tremendous—the basic problem of food supplies remains a critical one in many areas—but the new-found freedom of the Indians is being put to good use. India made history in bringing about a new concept of Commonwealth membership which will permit the existence of a republic within a monarchic structure. She would appear to be making equally unprecedented advances in other directions as well.

ANOTHER PURGE?

IT IS VERY DIFFICULT, DUE TO THE secrecy which cloaks all Kremlin actions, to determine exactly what goes on inside the strongly-guarded headquarters of Communism. And it is almost as difficult to find out the effects of Kremlin policies when they are applied to the country at large. Items published by the Soviet radio and press, reports brought out by returning western diplomats, stories related by residents escaping from behind the "iron curtain"—such are the sources available. None of the facts so obtained is guaranteed to be complete. We must assess them and form our judgments as best we can.

At the present time there is no actual proof that a political purge has been taking place in the Soviet Union, but Mr. C. L. Sulzberger of the New York Times has assembled some interesting items pointing to the possibility of such an occurrence. Since he is a man whose standing as a factual reporter is high among the members of his craft, the evidence he submits commands careful attention. The writer recalls the death of Andrei Zhdanov last August at the age of 52, and the rumors still current that he died not of heart failure, as announced, but by order of those who wished him removed. Prior to his demise, Zhdanov had fallen from Stalin's favor and was said to have been replaced by Georgi Malenkov. However, the significant development, according to Mr. Sulzberger, is that additional "disappearances" from the Soviet political scene include such figures as N. A. Voznesensky, a former Politburo member,

P. S. Popkov, member of the Soviet Presidium, Y. A. Zhdanov, son of the late Politburo chief, and other ranking officials who were close to him. These events plus the reported expulsion of 300,000 members from the Communist Party, says the New York Times writer, add up to the existence of a major purge.

It is easy to cite supporting "evidence," difficult to provide proof. Many recent actions by the Russian government would find explanation against such a background. The recall of Mr. Molotov from foreign service to important duties in Moscow, the apparent changes in Soviet policy in regard to Europe and certain phases of the "cold war," the estrangement of Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia, and other internal and domestic events, could find a place in such a theory. If a purge is in progress it is not the first to take place in the Soviet Union and it probably will not be the last.

The dominant fact remains that totalitarianism is not a natural environment for man; slavish obedience to the state is foreign to that inherent spark that sets mankind apart from the work horse and the dog heel. He may suffer such oppression for a time, but instinctive antagonism remains below the surface, to break out at any likely opportunity. Thus it is that there are continual "breaks" in the party line, which some day may culminate in a revolution against the revolution.

THE EXPANDED VOTERS' LIST

ONE ITEM OF NEWS WHICH SHOULD attract the careful attention of the people of British Columbia is that the provincial list of voters that will be operative on June 15 contains no fewer than 649,264 names of persons entitled to cast ballots for the election of a new Legislature. This total represents a gain of 173,042 electors in comparison with the list used in the general contest in the fall of 1945.

This large increase is particularly important, of course, because it reveals new evidence of the striking growth of the province's population but also recognition of the fact that more and more young men and women in this region are planning to pursue higher education at university level. This, of course, necessitates expansion of the physical facilities at Mount Tolmie.

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And this question covers much more ground than the question argued to date, whether the big bomber can or cannot be successfully attacked by the Navy's new fighter. There is, for instance, the question whether guided missiles will or will not be available in the near future to intercept attacking bombers. If available and efficient, they will certainly affect the usefulness of bombers like the B-36.

Then too, there is the question whether Air Force planning is not becoming too borg-minded, all over again. Before the last war, the incredible Major-General Clayton L. Bissell taught at the Air Corps Technical School that the old B-17 was invulnerable to attack, unless a fighter flew above it and dropped a ball and chain arrangement onto its propeller. There is no such silly nonsense today, but fighter officers are beginning to mutter that the old bias in the air force high command is beginning to assert itself once more.

EVERY SERVICE has these problems. There is only one solution for them—sound, unsensational, non-partisan weapons evaluation. As previous experience has shown, there is little value in over-dramatized "tests" conducted by the services themselves, since they are always parties at interest. The Joint Chiefs of Staff were wise to reject such a "test" of the B-36. But a completely non-partisan group, with the precise function of finding out the truth about this sort of problem, has now been added to the defence establishment. This is the Joint Research and Development Board.

Furthermore, one of the late James Forrestal's most important acts as Defence Secretary was to set up, within the J.R.W.B., a Weapons System Evaluation Group. The authority of the Weapons System Evaluation Group is indicated by the presence at its head of General John E. Hull, the war time planner who conducted the Eniwetok test of the atomic bomb.

THERE IS NO REASON why this group could not plan and direct a wholly impartial, absolutely scientific, finally decisive test of the B-36, or indeed of any other weapon. Indeed, there is every reason why each major American weapon, land, sea and air, should be put through its paces by this impartial authority before large contracts are let. Then Americans would know where they stand, with no room for the kind of controversy which the Navy has started, for purely partisan reasons, about the B-36.

The fighting services are not a natural environment for women. We as a nation have long regarded with uneasiness those European countries which made a peacetime habit of recruiting women and a wartime practice of placing them in the firing line. All the more praiseworthy, therefore, was the emergency response of Canadian womanhood in the recent conflict, for they had no "warrior tradition" to follow. In all branches of the service they earned the gratitude of their countrymen and the praise of their brothers in arms. It seems not unexpected, then, that they should seek to prepare themselves in peacetime for what they conceivably might have to do again in war. It is all very logical and understandable. But it somehow does not seem quite right.

Matter Of Fact

By JOSEPH ALSOP, From Washington

THE B-36 MESS

UNTIL THE investigation that Secretary of the Air Force Stuart Symington has forthrightly demanded, no one should pass final judgment on the B-36 mess. Nevertheless, there are several facts that deserve to be reported, if only because hard facts tend to bring everyone's temperature down.

In the first place, Generals Vandenberg, Norstad and McNamee and Under-Secretary of the Air Force Arthur Barrows all concurred in the air force's choice of the B-36 as its main strategic bomber. It is very difficult indeed to imagine all four of these men being jointly influenced by Secretary of Air Symington's acknowledged friendship with Floyd Odium, or by Odium's campaign contributions, or by Secretary of Defence Louis Johnson's close connection with Odium's Consolidated Aircraft Corporation, which makes the B-36.

IN SHORT, the judgment of these men creates a presumption in favor of the plane they chose. There is, however, one proviso. The B-36 may be the aircraft that best meets the specifications they set up for a strategic bomber. But did they set up the correct specifications?

Range—inter-continental range—is, after all, the primary characteristic of the B-36. And no matter how superior its other characteristics may be, some sacrifices must have been made in order to build into the B-36 the capability of flying such great distances. The B-36 may be said, in one sense, to be the only strategic bomber in the world today, because it is the only bomber with intercontinental range.

ON THE OTHER hand, present American strategy, as officially agreed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is very definitely not keyed to the war between the continents.

One of its basic assumptions is that if war comes, the United States will have allies and therefore bases, overseas. To insure this, is the purpose of the Atlantic pact. Even the Air Force admits that an intercontinental war would be a hopeless war.

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Every elector whose name is on the voters' list who does not go to the polls and mark his ballot, whether he or she realizes it or not, makes it easier for the regimenterians to cultivate the political soil for their particular seed. And regardless of the advent of candidates who have no hope of winning the seat—these are the vote-splitters—the real fight on June 15 might well result in turning the affairs of this great and wealthy province over to the enthusiasts of leftist experimentation.

This leads us to suggest to all those who

want to preserve the present system of Coalition administration in this province—those who have taken the trouble to consider the economic and social dangers inherent in government by Socialist "planners"—that they regard the expanded voters' list as a clarion call for their action at the polls to demonstrate to their many friends among the newcomers their lively interest in public affairs in general. But they will be foolish to suppose that because provincial Liberals and provincial Progressive Conservatives are offering a more or less solid front in opposition to the standard-bearers of the C.C.F. no special exertion will be needed on their part. Their apathy on June 15 might well result in turning the affairs of this great and wealthy province over to the enthusiasts of leftist experimentation.

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St. Laurent Speaks In Quebec; Brandon Voters Hear Drew

By CANADIAN PRESS STAFF WRITER

A warning that the international situation will remain dangerous because Communists' strategy "never changes" emerged Monday night from the campaign for Canada's June 27 general election.

It came from External Affairs Minister Pearson, the career diplomat who entered the cabinet last fall, as he addressed a campaign meeting in Montreal. He said the way the Communists have opposed the Atlantic Security Pact indicates its value.

As the country-wide campaign, now in full swing, moved into its fifth week, Prime Minister St. Laurent returned to his home riding of Quebec East and told his constituents that Progressive Conservative proposals to devalue the Canadian dollar would bring "chaos" to Canada within a year.

ANSWERS QUESTIONS

He wound up his address with a question-and-answer exchange with the crowd and was cheered as he asked them if they favored such measures as family allowances, an old age pension increase, health grants and an autonomous Canadian nation.

The Prime Minister said the unemployment insurance system had been created through agreement with the provinces achieved without interfering with their autonomy.

He said there were other social measures which "should be put into effect and will be put into effect" after an understanding with the provinces has been reached.

When a French-speaking member of the audience shouted "the devil take the British Empire" at Mr. St. Laurent's Quebec East meeting, the Prime Minister reported amid cheers that statements of that kind should not be made against a country which is helping to resist threats against the democratic way of life.

Another member of the audience asked what the government would do about a distinctive Canadian flag. Mr. St. Laurent said one would be adopted "as soon as we can pick a design that will create union rather than division."

QUESTION OF LEADERSHIP

Mr. St. Laurent said a campaign rumor was that he had taken over the leadership of the Liberal Party to maintain it in power and when the election was over he would turn over the leadership to External Affairs Minister Pearson.

He said "Mike Pearson" was an "admirable man" and no colleague was "more loyal." Because of his qualities Mr. Pearson could aspire to the Prime Ministership one day.

"But at the convention last August, it was Louis St. Laurent who was chosen," Mr. St. Laurent declared. "If the electors are willing, it is Louis St. Laurent who will be Prime Minister after June 27."

DREW AT BRANDON

George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, hammered again at the government's trade policies in a speech at Brandon, Man.

Mr. Drew, on his way back to eastern Canada from the west coast, said "no amount of pretence" by Trade Minister Howe could conceal the fact Canada is losing her overseas markets. Canada's trade with the United Kingdom dropped \$67,000,000 in the first quarter of this

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year and still was declining rapidly.

M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, moved deeper into his western campaign with an address at Moose Jaw, Sask.

He attacked the government's trading practices. He said Canada will have to go into bilateral trading deals and bulk-state trading if she wants to retain her markets. She would have to adopt the practices of Britain and other dollar-deficient western European countries.

ABBOTT SPEAKS

Finance Minister Abbott, visiting the new province of Newfoundland, said at Grand Falls that Liberal financial policies mainly are responsible for Canada's continued prosperity.

Premier Douglas of Saskatchewan, campaigning in Ontario in support of the national C.C.F. Party, told a meeting at Oshawa that he believes Canada is drifting into depression. The government had called the election because it "saw the roof of its Liberal structure caving in."

LONDON (CP)—Waiters in white jackets and pinstripe trousers now serve lunch to nurses at St. Olav's Hospital. The "good class hotel" atmosphere was the first stage of a national "new deal" promised nurses.

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by the Soviet newspaper Pravda. Reporting that taxation in New Zealand under a socialist government was 53 per cent higher than in Canada, he said nationalization of industry did not make everybody rich, as advocates of socialism maintained. Socialism, he said, presented a confused picture of mismanagement, mounting labor costs and rising debts. Saskatchewan since 1944, he added, presented a clear picture of inefficiency and the high cost of socialization.

COULD PAY DOUBLE

If private industry had the advantages of government industry, he said, referring to undertakings of the Saskatchewan government, "it could pay twice the wages."

He said that the Saskatchewan government was running out of money and the cost of its socialism to date had been borne by the postwar boom in wheat.

Socialism, he continued, has failed to prove in practice that it could support a high standard of living.

Socialism has nothing in common with trade unionism, it merely wants to use the trade unions, he said.

C.C.F. Candidate Pledges To Bring Salaries In Line

A pledge to work toward bringing rural and urban teachers' salaries in line was given Monday night by Mrs. Pat Luchinsky, C.C.F. candidate in Oak Bay, speaking in the Scout Hall, Cadboro Bay.

Mrs. Luchinsky said that the C.C.F. in establishing its educational program would promote junior colleges at various centres to correlate the technical, agricultural, commercial and cultural courses with the educational system.

"Realizing that knowledge and education are essential in the creation of better human beings and a better human society, and that only with knowledge can a country maintain its freedom to govern in a democratic manner, a C.C.F. government stands for

free education for every child and adults according to his ability and desire," she said.

Mrs. May Campbell, C.C.F., Victoria candidate, speaking in support of Mrs. Luchinsky, pledged that civil servants now

employed would retain their positions, regardless of their political affiliations, under a C.C.F. government.

The only stipulation, she said, was that they be efficient in their duties.

Mrs. Campbell said the C.C.F. would establish a moderate scale

public enterprise in the logging industry as a check on costs and to supply lumber for some home building.

"This enterprise," she said, "would show the ability of this natural resource to make a fair return to the treasury."

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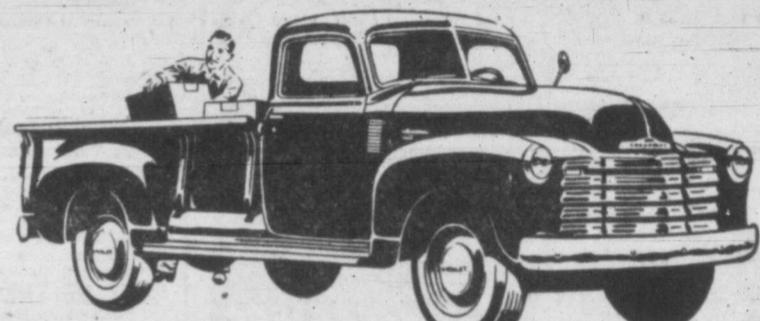
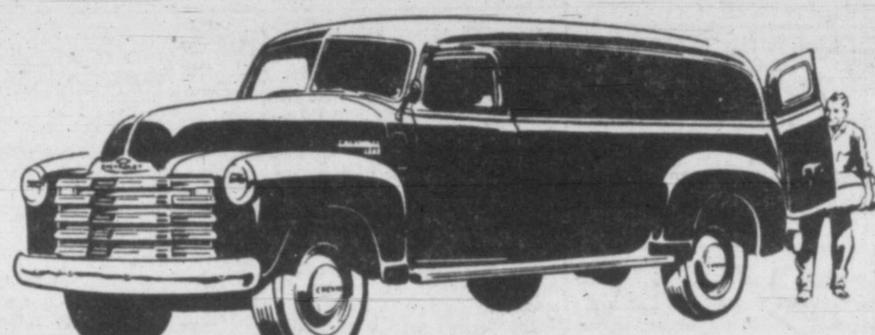
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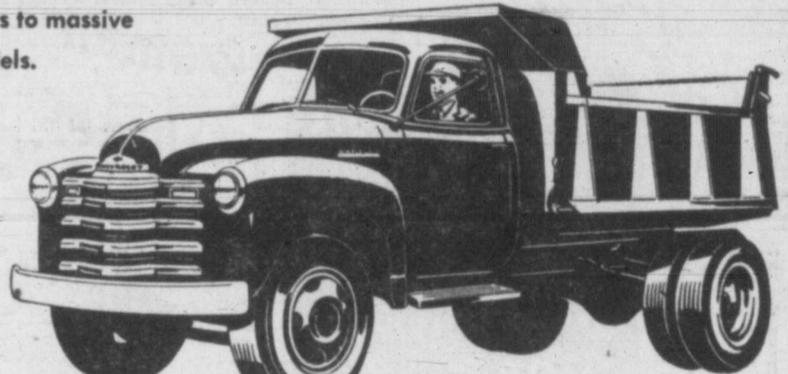
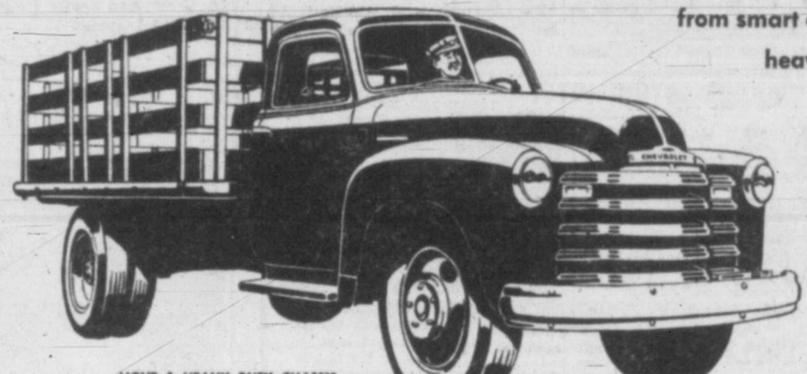


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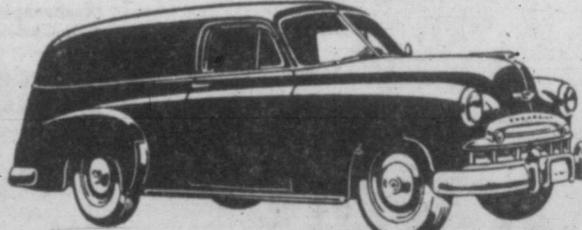
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